



Community Meeting
Minutes September 25th, 2007
Royal on Gordon
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Scott Dezell, Ian Robson, Pam Kozak, Janette Loveys-Smith Manager Community Development City of Guelph, Nancy Kielar – District Community Coordinator City of Guelph.

Regrets: Fernanda Svaikaukas

1. Minutes of August 28th - Fall Fiesta – still doing all outside? – no
- approved by consensus

2. Youth Programs –

Friday night soccer up date

Friday September 28 will be our last day. We had a total of 20 youth showing up with 12 coming almost every time. I had success at recruiting only one other family for help.

Recommendations for next year:

- 1- Advertise early in the season.
- 2- Friday 7pm until 8:30 pm seems fine.
- 3- Had at least 3 adults willing to supervise. Make sure that one of the adults has a cell phone.
- 4-Request the soccer field that is in the track and field area
- 5-Get some incentives early in the season to attract new players (prizes, drinks, ice cream)
- 6-On days that not many youth show up, encourage parents and siblings to play too.
- 7-Need of more pylons to be able to do some drills and games.

Four families (including mine) are requesting some sort of indoor activities during the fall and winter. These families would prefer Friday's evening or Sunday between 3 and 5. None of those adults feel comfortable coaching. At this time, I can be there only once a month to either coach soccer or supervise basketball (I don't know the rules).

Sir Isaac Brock is fully booked every week night but is open the Sunday afternoons.

St Paul's is fully booked every week night and Sundays starting in February.

Bishop Mac is fully booked every Friday and Sunday.

Do you want Nancy to book Sundays at Sir Isaac Brock? - yes

I wonder if we can get University students, high school students or some of the "In motion" people helping. I don't mind coordinating people but as I said, I can not be there all the time.

Sunday afternoon up date

These are my recommendations for next year:

- 1-Do it twice a month June/July/August.

- 2-Do it at Gosling Park.
 - 3-Review the time- We did it 2:30 to 4. Would it be better 6 to 7:30?
 - 4-Have drinks, ice cream, prizes?
 - 5-Have at least two families willing to coordinate so they can take turns.
 - 6-Maybe a calendar with the games to be play will help families decide to come out or not. Post the calendar on the website.
3. Maintenance of boulevard
 - deferred as Martina Rozsa who brought these items forward is not here
 4. City tree planting
 - deferred as Martina Rozsa who brought these items forward not here
 5. Newsletter
 - at the printer being picked up on Friday delivered on Saturday by Project Serve and volunteers
 - 2 advertisers booked for a year
 - November 15th is the winter submission deadline
 6. Gosling Gardens and trails:
 - The majority of issues the community group had were passed onto Murray Cameron (Manager of Parklands and Greenways), as they pertained to maintenance - washed out trails, weeds in the park, etc. Scott Hannah and Murray had a meeting on site to discuss maintenance issues which Operations is going to try to deal with – Nancy waiting for response on these.
 - Park grading -the decision was to try to flatten part of the open field at the back of the park to accommodate an ice rink. Scott has asked Rory Templeton to design and put together a cost estimate for this work to occur. Depending on the results, City forces will implement the work or if costs are high it will need to include this in the City's Capital Budget forecast – Nancy will continue to update the group
 7. Contacts:
 - Janette has asked for an up to date list of community members that would be contacts if any information needs to be sent out via City Hall or if people call in saying they are from your group. Todd, Ian, Scott will be the contacts.
 8. Volunteer Manual
 - the City of Guelph the City of Guelph has completed a Volunteer Manual of Policies and Procedures for the Neighbourhood Groups. Groups running events and programs under our liability insurance are obligated to follow along with these documents. The implementation of the policies will occur over 3 phases based on risk factors. Some policies must be implemented by Dec 31 as is. The next ones are also by Dec 31 but the individual Neighbourhood Group may individualize them in consultation with their District Community Coordinator. The second phase the deadline is Dec 31 2008 - again changes can be made consulting with their DCC, the third phase is optional the remaining policies the group may choose to implement but are not required.

- Wayne attended a training session
- you need to develop a plan of how your are going to review and implement these policies
- Nancy will send the mandatory policies via email and then the second part of the first phase as soon as possible

9. Level of development

-need to decide if you are ready to move up the continuum of development or stay at initiating -consensus to stay at initiating and participate as an observer at the participatory budgeting so we can experience this before we participate in it.

For 2008

- winterfest - \$200
- earth day and tree planting- \$100
- river clean up – t-shirts - \$200
- picnic - \$300
- youth programs - \$100
- garage sale \$0
- fall fiesta -\$500
- santa clause parade - \$500
- festival of lights - \$200
- volunteer recognition – \$250
- 4 newsletters - \$0
- promotion - \$400

10. Allstate \$ - purpose of the funds is to support community building events - reduce the amount of the cheque by \$186.00 the cost of the summer bbq rental, Nancy to order a cheque for the difference to group.

- \$250 – allocated from the City for Fall Fiesta will be reallocated for volunteer recognition event out
 - could also do plaques to thank the businesses that have supported us – connect with Festival of Lights
 - or certificates for volunteers

11.South End Rec Centre

- Sept 12th presentation
- Ian will upload to the website the presentation that Todd made to ECO Committee
- shared that Hydro 1 – has grant for community buildings that the City could apply for to reduce the cost of construction
- In Motion – declined the invitation to talk – reason was that they had presented to councilors already
- two local business people Steve Harris – Westminster Woods – Insparah Homes, and Dr.Quaid from Iris Optical will be supportive and might do a presentation
- in the future we need more people from the community in chairs
- sent a summary of the results only received 3 or 4 responses
- still unclear on some facts
 - we have the land

- have a majority of funds from development charges
- can not precede until have the \$2million shortfall
- development charge bylaw – tells developers what % they are paying to services for the community (currently in the process of upgrading this policy) so yes the money is there because people have been building in the neighbourhood and developing the fund
- could ask what % of the community is complete to assess when the rest of the funds will be in
- at the ECO meeting Gus implied that the majority of the \$21 million from development charges has been raised
- cost of the project is estimated at \$23.7 million
- needs to be a feasibility study – to determine what makes up the centre – is it a gym, 1 arena, more?, pool?
- Janette has seen that from this process that people need to understand the capital building process and how it works
- community members do not understand why the feasibility study was not scheduled for 2008 so that the build could start in 2010, instead the 2010 feasibility and 2013 build
- surprised that the delegation did not get forwarded on to council that the staff report was just officially received – so how do we move it forward?
- both ward 6 councilors are working to getting it on the ‘green sheets’ which are information reports, this does not mean it will go on Council’s agenda unless a Councilor to bring it forward
- the staff report will go to the green sheets – Karl and Christine may bring it forward – if they do we need to be prepared to present
- at any time can request to be a delegation to Council
- can string delegations together to address all the issues
- this is not a Clairfields issue- need the other groups and other wards on board
- maintenance costs – these are escalating
- Janette -priority setting workshop is being held mid October. Council and staff are sitting down to prioritize the capital projects, the outcome will be a list of projects, problem is that we are still pitting project against project, this will more divide than build community, Janette will be at this workshop, if you have any specific needs send them through Todd to Janette, this is a new process so there will be some learning for this

12. Fall Fiesta

- Project Porchlight has asked if they can come and participate in your event– consensus to go ahead
- Salvation Army – will collect food donation for them
- Robin Phillips will be dropping off a water donation
- face paint supplies if we have volunteers to do this what should we get? – Nancy to follow up
- Spike – might be at another event
- Pumpkins – Naps – directed to website to see the pictures from last year – need a thank you board and send picture - \$150 for 100 pumpkins
- Magic 106 – cruiser – bounced back – sent again to Kevin Kelley – still have not heard back
- Storm Box – all groups that applied received tickets – Nancy to send release form

- Fire – emailed have not heard back – Nancy to confirm
- Police – waiting to hear back – Nancy to confirm
- cafeteria – weather forecast is looking great – let it go
- \$155.00 – paid for rental of the lobby waiting for receipt
- bouncy castle booked \$150
- Bell – donating cold drinks
- Dave and Cindy Twice the Deal – donating hot drinks
- cookies – Sarah and Ian to pick up two boxes non sandwich
- games for children – Fernanda to send email with details, Lynda has purchased some children's games
- Fernanda – has purchased prizes
- invited Mayor and City Councilors – Leanne Piper has replied that she will come
- invited the 4 Provincial candidates
- Scott concerned about the appropriateness of addressing the South End Centre to Provincial candidates– will not purposely address it, but if asked will follow up
- need music to help create atmosphere
- have South End petition at the event – change the header date
- borrowing counter to count the number of people at the event
- have ballots for Storm draw

13. NSC and Councillors

- Council members are meeting with the Chairs of Neighbourhood Groups
- an invitation will go out to the group for Oct 24 in the evening – give each group an informal opportunity to speak with Councillors

14. Santa Clause Parade

- flat bed booked – 50'
- trying to partner with an art department to work together
- Scott to get generator for music

15. City of Guelph Transparency Committee – Todd has been accepted

Next meeting – Tuesday October 23, 2007 – Royal on Gordon